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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Re: Application of Joshua D. SILVER
IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIABLE FOCUS OPTICAL DEVICES
Assignee: JOSHUA D. SILVER
Our Ref: Q76538

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/646,392 (Confirmation No. 2873) filed January 19, 2001 and allowed April 11, 2003 of Joshua D. SILVER entitled IMPROVEMENTS IN VARIABLE FOCUS OPTICAL DEVICES, which is a §371 National Stage Application of PCT Application No. PCT/GB99/00747 filed March 18, 1999.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 4 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 2873.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a divisional of Application No. 09/646,392 filed January 19, 2001 and allowed April 11, 2003, which is a §371 National Stage Application of PCT Application No. PCT/GB99/00747 filed March 18, 1999; the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.--

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Great Britain	9805977.7	March 19, 1998

The priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/646,392.

Applicant claims benefit of small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.27.



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Divisional of Appln. No. 09/646,392 (Q76538)

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows (**Small Entity fees apply**):

Total claims	<u>99</u> - 20	=	<u>79</u> x	\$9.00	=	<u>\$711.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>13</u> - 3	=	<u>10</u> x	\$42.00	=	<u>\$420.00</u>
Base Fee						<u>\$375.00</u>

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$1506.00

The filing fee is not submitted herewith. The USPTO is not directed or authorized to charge the filing fee to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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